



Re: FEC Complaint MUR 6877, Ellis Boal and Friends of Ellis Boal

Ellis Boal

to:

kcollins

11/06/2014 03:44 PM

Cc:

lighthousejustice, lighthousejustice, LuAnne Kozma, John LaPietra

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From: Ellis Boal <

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To: kcollins@fec.gov,

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>, John LaPietra <

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Kim Collins,

This will confirm our discussion of today in which I informed you that neither the total income nor expenses of this campaign, nor both together, exceeded the FEC thresholds of \$2600 or \$5000.

Shortly I will be summarizing that information on my website, <http://ellisboal.org>. If you need more detailed documentation than that please be in touch and I will provide it.

One puzzling donation came in through PayPal after my complaint response. The amount was \$1. The donor was "E2E4E6 Sonic Channel Wall Street Streamer". I did not recognize the donor, and so did not transfer the sum to my bank. Today through PayPal I refunded it.

I understand the complainant William L. Brown has filed no reply to my email response of October 18, and if he does you will provide me a copy.

I understand this matter may not be resolved for some months due to earlier-filed and other complaints having priority.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Ellis Boal

On 10/18/2014 12:40 AM, Ellis Boal wrote:

Kim Collins,

Thank you for our conversation of October 16.

I write on behalf of both respondents.

This complaint, received by date-stamped letter of October 8, refers to the "Donation" page of the campaign website for Friends of Ellis Boal, and alleges these violations:

1. There is no statement as to the limits of legal or appropriate potential donation amounts.
2. There is no statement as regards the tax deductibility or lack thereof for these contributions.

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The following is the response of both respondents:

A. The "Donation" page is at <http://ellisboal.org/donate/index.shtml> .

B. The campaign has not exceeded the \$5000 threshold for a House candidate. Until it does, regardless of its financial practices there can be no violation of any campaign finance law.

C. From 2010 (when I first ran for this seat) until today the "Donation" page, in addition to stating that a donor must provide his/her address, employer, and occupation, advised only this about limitations on donations: "No contributions from corporations or labor unions please." Until now there have been no complaints.

D. Despite there being no requirement for now, I have now added the following language to the "Donation" page: "Contribution rules: No contributions from corporations, labor unions, federal contractors, persons under 18, and non-citizens or non-green-card holders. No contributions over \$2600. Contributions must be out of your personal funds, not provided or promised to you by anyone or anything else. For tax purposes, political contributions like this are not considered charitable. Your contribution may become public information."

E. No contribution has exceeded the \$2600 maximum.

F. I personally know each of the donors so far to this campaign. I am in the process of writing each of them to affirm they meet the last-mentioned requirements. I expect responses in a few days. When the campaign exceeds \$5000 I will immediately report any negative responses and my replies to them, and will report all other responses on request.

Please advise if the above information resolves the complaint. Thank you, and thanks to the complainant for bringing this matter to my attention.

Ellis Boal,